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# MPD says alleged Oct. 31 campus rape not reported, accomplice impersonated first district police officer

by Jeff Goldfarb

Hatchet Staff Writer

According to University Police Director Curtis Goode and Capt. William Louis Hennessy of the First District Metropolitan Police Department, there is no report of a rape occurring Oct. 31 on the 2100 block of G Street, NW.

GW sophomore Mariam Kashani told the Hatchet about a sexual assault on campus, which was reported in the Dec. 6 issue of The GW Hatchet.

"On Friday, (Kashani's lawyer Robert Bredhoff) verified in front of (University Inspector J.D. Harwell) and myself that the event did not occur," Goode said.

According to Hennessy, Bredhoff said Kashani provided the story because "she thought people at GW were not security conscious enough and didn't take rape seriously."

Goode said, "She may be talking about a real case somewhere else, that I don't know right now. She may have known of a rape, but it did not occur on our campus in the manner she described."

According to Hennessy, the person who identified himself to the Hatchet as the officer who filed

the report was an impersonator. Goode said there is no further information regarding the identity of the impersonator, or whether or not he is a GW student. Bredhoff had no information pertaining to the identity of the individual claiming to be a D.C. Metropolitan First District police officer, according to Goode.

The University will bring charges against Kashani through the University's judicial hearing board for violations of the Code of Student Conduct, according to Acting Dean of Students Linda Donnels. She said she is unsure at this time of the specific statutes Kashani will be charged with.

According to the code, students who violate section 11(d) — "Intentionally or recklessly interfering with normal University or University-sponsored activities, including but not limited to, studying, teaching, research, and University administration or fire, police, or emergency services" — or section 11(f) — "Intentionally furnishing false information to the University" — are subject to disciplinary action. Potential sanctions range from a written or oral warning to expulsion, according to the code.

If the individual who impersonated a police officer is a GW student, he too will be referred to the judicial board, according to Goode.

Last week, Kashani told The GW Hatchet a 19-year-old GW student was assaulted and repeatedly raped at knife-point in the 2100 block of G Street behind Strong Hall. Kashani described herself as an independent rape counselor at GW. She was a rape counselor for Tulane University in New Orleans, La., where she transferred from last year, according to Carol Dahlem, a rape counselor at Tulane.

Hennessy said the First District Metropolitan Police Department has no intention of pressing charges against Kashani. "We don't see that she committed a crime," he said.

Concerning the individual who, during numerous phone conversations with the Hatchet, claimed to be Officer Michael Smith of the first district, Hennessy said it would be extremely difficult to make a case against him once his identity is known. "Nobody's even seen this man person to person," he said. The crime of impersonating an officer — one of five "statutory misdemeanors" in the District — is punishable by more

than one year in jail, Hennessy said.

Hennessy said he was scheduled to meet with Kashani last Friday to discuss the story she told the Hatchet because he had no file on the rape. Kashani claimed the victim filed. Though the Hatchet initially confirmed an Officer Michael Smith employed at the first district, Hennessy said the "real" Smith knew nothing about the case and has been absolved of any connection to Kashani's story.

According to Hennessy, prior to meeting with Kashani he received a phone call from Bredhoff, who said he was an attorney representing Kashani. Hennessy said Bredhoff informed him "a rape never happened on the date or time (Kashani) said."

Hennessy said the lawyer informed him that, "Kashani took bits and pieces of rapes she was familiar with as a rape counselor and recreated another rape."

Bredhoff refused comment on the situation unless he was informed of what was going to be printed in this issue of the Hatchet.

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## Precautions will help avoid rape

by Meredith Fisher and Jim Peterson

Hatchet Staff Writers

In the United States, a woman is raped every six minutes — totalling more than 87,600 reported cases per year. National rape statistics have risen nearly four times as fast as the total crime rate, and assaults against women aged 20 to 24 are up 50 percent, compared with the same statistics from 1974, according to a July 8 Washington Post story.

In the Washington area alone, according to the article, 1,234 women were raped in 1989. Paula McKenzie, president of the D.C. National Organization for Women, said rape statistics have increased 66 percent in the District during the past year.

According to a Feb. 24 Post story, one in six female college students has been a victim of rape or attempted rape.

During the past several years, rape has become the primary concern for university security forces nationwide, surpassing even theft, according to the Post story.

University Police Director Curtis Goode said, "Just because this incident isn't real I don't want people to be lax about their own security. We're going to continue to take an aggressive approach to safeguarding the campus."

One precautionary measure GW has implemented to help prevent

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University Counseling Center:  
(202) 994-6550

Arlington:  
(703) 358-4848

University Police:  
(202) 994-6110

Loudon County:  
(703) 777-3399

Campus Escort Service:  
(202) 994-WALK

• Prince George's County:  
(301) 618-3154

Dean of Students Office:  
(202) 994-6710

Montgomery County:  
(301) 656-9420  
or (301) 217-1355

Sexual Assault Hot Lines:  
District of Columbia  
(202) 333-7273

Rape Crisis Center:  
(business office, non-emergency)  
(202) 232-0789

Alexandria:  
(703) 683-7273

sexual assault is the student escort service, a division of the GW Student Association. The service runs nightly 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.

SA Vice President for Student Activities Amy Kurtz said the service escorts students around campus and the immediate area, and operates with volunteers primarily from fraternities and sororities and groups from the residence halls.

The service had been averaging 8-10 calls per night, but following Thursday's article, the service began

receiving about 14 calls per night, Kurtz said.

After operating hours, or after discontinuation of service during finals, University Police handles all escorts (994-6110).

In recognition of the need for sexual assault prevention, the Dean of Students Office organized a sexual assault task force last spring, and released its final report in June. The report sets up methods and

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## University discusses effects of rape report

by Ted Gotsch and Ali Sacash

Hatchet Staff Writers

The reactions of GW faculty and students to the article on rape that appeared in The GW Hatchet have been mixed, with some focusing on the need for added security measures and others stressing that more women will be apprehensive about reporting a rape because they may not be believed.

Margery Mazie, spokesperson for Women's Issues Now, said GW sophomore Mariam Kashani attended a WIN meeting in early November and asked her if she had heard of a rape behind Strong Hall a few nights before. Mazie said she had not, but told Kashani to keep her informed. Mazie said Hatchet Staff Writer Philip Clouse later contacted her about the case and was referred to Kashani.

WIN treasurer Rebecca Dehn said, "I really feel badly that (Kashani) had to do this. You know, 99.9999 percent of the

time women don't cry 'rape' and people don't usually make this stuff up. I can't understand why she did this."

Dehn said she hopes the whole incident will call attention to the problem of rape on college campuses. "The problem of campus rape is that people rarely believe the victim because they usually know the attacker. They say, 'Oh, I know that guy and he couldn't do something like that,' or 'She asked for it.'"

GW Student Association President Frank Petramale said everyone affiliated with GW has been affected by the incident.

"I think the whole thing is a horrible situation that was played out because in the end, everyone's been victimized," he said. "The Hatchet (and) the whole community (have) been victimized. We need to look for something positive out of the situation. The positive is that we need to take precautions on campus. I hope no one lowers their precautions

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# EDITORIAL

## Crying wolf

The GW Hatchet's editorial board offers a sincere apology to the University community for printing what we have been told by both University and Metropolitan Police officials was a fabricated story of a rape behind Strong Hall.

We thought we were informing our readers of a tragic incident that had occurred on this campus, and we hoped we could help stop similar incidents from happening in the future by heightening students' concern about their safety.

While we did have questions at first about the accuracy of the story, the staff made every effort possible at the time to verify the account of what happened. Our source assured us many times that the few inconsistencies in the story were only a result of her own disorganization. Detail by detail, we were given the story of the victim with whom our source claimed to have a close counseling relationship. We were informed that her likely intentions were to save others from being victimized.

What is most disturbing about this entire incident, however, is that the inaccuracies in the story dealt a severe blow to the very real problem of preventing and combating sexual assault. University officials and Metropolitan Police are saying a rape was never reported as the Hatchet was told it was. This lends credence to the dangerous myth that women are just "making it up" and that "nothing really happened." The fabrication of any rape, once revealed, is a slap in the face to anyone who has endured a sexual attack.

Although there is no report of the alleged rape, there are countless other true accounts of rape — some, perhaps, right here at GW — that have never been told. And, sadly, because of this, women may now be even more hesitant than before to come forward and identify themselves as rape victims.

This issue's article on rape statistics was included to negate the reported falsehoods that appeared in the Dec. 6 issue of the Hatchet. It should also make students call for an escort before leaving a late-night study session at the Marvin Center, or think twice before cutting through a dimly-lit alley to save a few seconds. Please do not fall back into a foolhardy sense of absolute security. Rape can and does happen, even here.

The story has apparently also sparked the issue of racial bias. Whether the description of the alleged "rapists" was deliberately meant to perpetuate a stereotype of black attackers is unclear at this point. According to the police, the account printed in Dec. 6's Hatchet is actually an amalgam of different incidents our source dealt with as a rape counselor.

When writing a crime story, a journalist makes his or her best effort to describe the perpetrators of the robbery or attack, as well as the actual incident. Usually the reporter must depend on the police or the crime victim for details, and uses the recollections of these people to tell the readers as much as possible about what happened.

When the Hatchet printed that the "rapists" were black, and that following the attack they said, "You were pretty good for a white girl," we were attempting to tell our readers as much as we could about a vicious attack. What was said and what the perpetrators looked like was, we thought at the time, a fact — a fact just like the location and time of the crime. In no way were we trying to further perpetuate racist stereotypes.

Since this story of a rape on our campus is said to be false, the University will prosecute our source under GW's Code of Student Conduct. And although we advocate that each and every student deserves a fair trial, we can only hope that if our source is found to be guilty, she will be prosecuted to the full extent of GW's Code of Student Conduct.

The real victims here, though, are just that — the real rape victims whose ordeals will be thrown into question. It is their existence which makes us regret printing that article the most.

The editors deeply regret the error.

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# OPINION

## Hatchet editor-in-chief explains reasons behind publishing story

It is difficult to fathom the occurrences which have developed throughout the last few days regarding the rape story which appeared in Thursday's edition of The GW Hatchet. Although the Dec. 6 issue was supposed to be the last of the semester, the editorial board felt it must print this special edition to explain the events that transpired before and after the article was printed. As editor-in-chief, there are several repercussions of and misconceptions about the story which I feel must be addressed.

In printing the article, the editorial board of the Hatchet believed it was printing a factual account of a rape. Although I can understand that suspicion and skepticism are high at this time, even with 20-20 hindsight I believe the Hatchet practiced responsible journalism when reporting on and printing this story.

The staff of The GW Hatchet was led to believe — through the information of Mariam Kashani and someone who identified himself as the officer who filed the rape report — that a rape did occur behind Strong Hall on Oct. 31.

Although the reporter has described his process in covering the story (see p. 4), I would like to explain the various checks made by the editorial board before deciding to print the article. The reporter came to us and said he had heard rumors about a rape on campus. We told him to look into it, and to let us know if he found any substantial information. After working on the story for approximately three weeks, the reporter said he had a story. He had contacted Mariam Kashani, who said she was an independent rape counselor who had been counseling the victim of the alleged rape. He said he was trying to contact the officer working on the case.

Kashani came into my office on Dec. 5 and I talked with her for almost an hour. She once again recounted the details of the rape and her experience as a rape counselor at Tulane University where she transferred from. I called Carol Dahlem, who she worked with at Tulane's rape counseling center, to confirm that she was in fact a legitimate counselor. Dahlem said she worked

with Kashani and she was very reliable.

Kashani said she had been talking with the officer about the case. She said she had spoken with "Officer Mark Smith," and he would call us. Both the reporter and an editor talked to a man who identified himself as the officer who filed the report and took the victim to the hospital.

We assumed "Smith" worked in the Second District Metropolitan Police Department, since Foggy Bottom is in the second district. But when we later tried to contact "Officer Mark Smith" at the second district to verify further details, we were told he did not work there. I

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called Kashani, who said she thought the officer might work at the first district office. We were later told the cab driver had taken the victim to the first district office after the alleged rape.

At that point I said that unless we talked to the officer again, we would not run the story. The reporter then contacted Kashani, and she gave him "Smith's" beeper number. The reporter "beeped" who he thought was the officer, and the same person he had talked to earlier called him back and once again confirmed the story. He clarified our questions about reporting the case to the University, saying his office was conducting its own investigation. He said his full name was Michael Smith, but that he goes by his middle name, Mark. We called the first district office and confirmed that an Officer Michael Smith worked there.

Although we knew it was "policy" for officers not to release information, we thought Smith was uninformed. We thought his comments about the case showed both a lack of awareness of proper procedure and a

lack of communication with GW's security force. We also thought we were exposing incompetence on the part of the Metropolitan Police because cases involving GW students were not being reported to the University. University Police Director Curtis Goode told us Metropolitan Police has no formal system of sharing information with GW.

The Hatchet felt that by printing this article it was making the GW community aware of a dangerous crime being committed in our own neighborhood. It is disturbing that such a serious issue such as rape — a crime prevalent on college campuses — has come into question.

This incident has also harmed the credibility of the Hatchet. The editors of this paper constantly strive to produce an accurate campus publication. Obviously this has not helped our cause.

This incident has, in some ways, brought down a respectable paper to which my staff and previous staffs have dedicated almost all their time and energy. Hard work and serious thought went not only into this article, but every article which appears in the paper.

Although I make no excuses for what has transpired, we are students, trying to balance a college education and a more than full-time job.

But regardless of our efforts, the Hatchet printed a story which we are now being told is false, and for that, I apologize. This edition is our best effort to rectify the situation, but it doesn't change what happened. Questions still remain and we will conduct further investigation.

I have the utmost confidence in my staff, and we will move forward and continue to do our best to inform the campus community. We had only the best of intentions in printing this article.

Above all, I hope what originally seemed to be a positive effect of the story — improving safety on campus — does not suffer adversely.

Patrice Sonberg is editor-in-chief of The GW Hatchet.

## A perspective on responsibility

Who are the victims of this cruel hoax that was played on The GW Hatchet?

There are many. The woman who fabricated the story. The student journalists who wrote the story. The student editors who made the decision to publish. The entire journalistic establishment. The black community. The entire community.

To say that such things have happened in the past and certainly will occur again is not to excuse the incident.

Mariam Kashani, the rape counselor who wove the story for The Hatchet, says she did it to make the community more aware of the problem of sexual crimes. Whatever her motives, she has done nothing but set loose a barrage of

recrimination, setting groups and individuals against each other.

This is most often the case in these types of situations. Examples are the recent Stuart case in Boston, where the

cials gave out a false story about a supposed mutilation.

Why do these things happen and why did our more immediate case occur?

It was a case where a convincing source sought to use the media, with help from her "policeman" friend. They were believable to the young reporter who wrote the story and to the editors who ran with it.

A part of it, too, was the traditional distrust journalists have of the establishment, the constant belief that some wrongdoing is being covered up. And why not? These same editors saw last year the confiscation of the Hatchet the

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black community was seriously damaged, or the Brawley case in New York, where Rev. Al Sharpton and his allies fueled racial hatred.

There was even the most recent example in Missouri when police offi-

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# OPINION

## The reporter's detailed account of the rape investigation

On Monday, Nov. 5, I was talking to my former roommate in a class. He knew I wrote for the Hatchet and told me he heard about a rape around Funger Hall on Oct. 31. His understanding of the incident was that two men had gotten out of a passing vehicle and abducted a GW student, dragging her into some bushes and raping her.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, I ran into another friend who said he had heard of the rape that happened somewhere around Funger Hall. That evening I called him for further information and he said he heard of the event from his girlfriend, who was a friend of the victim. At some point around this time, I asked the news editor to ask University Police Inspector J.D. Harwell if he had heard of the crime. According to the editor, Harwell had no knowledge of the crime.

I talked to Charles Puffenbarger, my professor for Journalism 111, about the rumors and asked him how to proceed. Puffenbarger gave me the name of the police reporter for The Washington Post, Sari Horwitz, and told me to talk to her. I was told she was on maternity leave and left a message for the person taking her place, Gabriel Escobar. Later that same afternoon, I went to the Public Information Unit at Metropolitan Police Headquarters (300 Indiana Ave., NW) and spoke to an officer. She told me

there was nothing in the office regarding a rape in that area (around Funger Hall) from Oct. 27 to Nov. 2 or 3.

The following morning, Escobar returned my call. We discussed how to proceed with the case, and he said GW's counseling center might have a mandatory reporting policy with the University Police in cases of sexual assaults. He also said MPD should be able to search for a rape anywhere in the Foggy Bottom area around the last couple of weeks of October because there could not be that many rapes in the area.

I investigated these leads and found the counseling center had no such reporting policy, and the Public Information Unit at MPD was unhelpful, saying something along the lines of: if there was a police report filed, then we can't comment on an ongoing police investigation, and if there wasn't, I can't talk to you about a hypothetical crime.

After several days of doing nothing with the case, I consulted with Puffenbarger. He told me to go see the leader of Women's Issues Now. I found Margery Mazie of WIN, who told me she knew of the rape had occurred on Oct. 31 at about midnight when the girl was walking home from the library. Kashani said she was an independent rape counselor who worked at Tulane's rape counseling center. She outlined the particulars of the crime and agreed her name could

be used in the story. She said a police report had been filed with a police department, but she was not sure which district.

Following our phone conversation, I returned to campus to inspect the crime scene, but it was unclear exactly where the crime had occurred. Kashani had agreed to meet me outside the Marvin Center that night, but she never showed five rapes of GW students occurring since September, four of which happened on campus. She said she had heard of the crime I was referring to, but she had little direct knowledge of the

### Philip Clouse

case. She said she knew a counselor who was more familiar with the case. Mazie called the counselor and left a message for her to call me.

Because the counselor never called me, I found Mazie and called the counselor myself. That afternoon, Mariam Kashani returned my call. She said she was the victim's counselor and up.

During this time, I returned to PIU because I now knew the approximate time, date and location of the crime. They were no help. I also called Sex Offenses because I needed to confirm

that a police report had been filed with them for the crime. An officer at sex offenses said there was nothing on file for the crime concerned at the location, time and date I had given him.

During the week of Dec. 1, I left another message for Mariam. On Sunday, Dec. 2, she returned my call, and we set up another meeting when we went through the path of the crime. I told her about the results from Sex Offense Unit and PIU, and, without hesitation, she said in her experience in New Orleans, a sexual assault might be filed under another crime if the sexual assault was ancillary to another crime. She went over all the details of the crime again and informed me she had the home phone number of the police officer involved with the case. She said she was unaware of his rank or what division he was attached to. I told her I would like to speak to the police officer to confirm the facts of the story.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, I saw Kashani outside the WIN office. She told me she had talked to the officer. Kashani said the officer agreed to talk with me, but could not discuss the investigation.

Kashani and I talked on the phone that evening, when she told me the officer was working the evening shift and would not be home until about 1 a.m. She said would try to contact him the next day. Kashani she agreed to come by

the Hatchet office at 2 p.m. when we would then contact the officer. Wednesday afternoon I bumped into Kashani on the street, and she said the officer, "Mark Smith," would contact me at the Hatchet offices at 3:15 p.m.

The events following this include "Smith's" phone call to the Hatchet office, further questioning of Kashani at the Hatchet office that afternoon and the ensuing questions surrounding the validity of the story.

Regarding the phone call I received from "Smith" at about midnight that night, the events are as follows. When I arrived home at about 11 p.m., I called Kashani and left a message on her answering machine. She returned my call within the hour, saying she had "Smith's" beeper number. I then used the phone number, which was connected with an operating paging system. Smith called me and I informed him that, because some facts were unclear, I needed to confirm several things. I inquired what district he was out of and he said the first district. I asked why a "Mark Smith" was not known at the first district, and he said that he went by his middle name, Mark, and his first name was Michael. The Hatchet verified that an Officer Michael Smith worked at the first district office.

*Philip Clouse is the Hatchet reporter who covered the Dec. 6 rape story.*

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night before a Spring Visit weekend. The editors assumed that some official didn't want prospective students and their parents to read a story about a cocaine arrest in Thurston Hall or an interview with Congressman Barney Frank.

This mistrust is usually there and it is usually healthy.

That's the way the system is

supposed to work. Sometimes it can cause pain and suffering.

If blame must be assessed, where should it be placed? The rape counselor? The student journalists?

The counselor has probably seriously damaged her future. Should she suffer more than the public humiliation she is receiving?

The student journalists involved are also suffering this same kind of humiliation, even though their error

was committed with complete honesty and good intentions. Proper procedures and what they thought redundant checking were used to report the story.

A journalist can suffer no greater injury than to be associated with a false story. Most survive.

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guidelines for implementing a campus-wide program to combat sexual assault.

Recommendations in the report include: priority programming on sexual assault, prevention and education classes to be conducted by the Counseling Center, the Multicultural Services Center, at fall orientation and at the annual Vital Issues, Varies Approaches leadership conference.

In addition, the report recommends training a group of peer and staff educators; producing a brochure integrating information on new guidelines for judicial review of GW's sexual assault cases. Planned implementation dates for many of the programs were targeted for this fall, the report states.

Students United to Women's Issues Now spokesperson Margery Mazie said, "Nothing in (the report) exists. They haven't implemented anything."

Acting Dean of Students Linda Domells said, in a September interview, that a follow-up report to the recommendations by the task force will be conducted by her office once a new associate dean of students is hired.

The University Counseling Center offers both prevention programs and counseling sessions for victims of sexual assault. Consultation and Outreach Coordinator T. Thorne Wiggers said, "The services we offer are to help people come in and deal with their concerns. It's just a matter of giving us a call." He said the center makes appointments for students Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. If the situation is urgent, he said counselors will make every effort to meet with a student on the day the center receives the call.

"We've wanted the opportunity to get more in depth with date rape and sexual assault. We would like to create a group of students who are trained to provide additional support to students," Wiggers said. To make an appointment, call 994-6550.

The D.C. Rape Crisis Center is another resource to which victims of rape or attempted rape can turn. The private, non-profit organization staffs a 24-hour hotline, 333-RAPE, and offers a 24-hour companion program which supplies escorts for victims going to the hospital or the police station.

Individual counseling, public education programs and self-defense classes are also available through the center.

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because the threat is still real."

Petramale said he is wary about the possible implications the racial remarks made in the story will have on the GW community. He also said the incident will effect women who will be faced with this situation in the future.

Petramale said the SA has and will continue to look into the topic of security on campus. "When the story first came out, . . . the Student Association had been in discussion on everything. We took a look at the (security) phones, how many they had, how they were displayed, how they work and where to find them. We are looking at a few possibilities to display campus escort, security and cab numbers around campus."

SA Executive Vice President Dave Parker agreed with Petramale that both race relations and security need to be evaluated after this incident.

"The (alleged rape and the racial references) are not related. I found it disturbing that there were all these racial comments in the story. If the issue is rape or date rape, that is what we should

focus on. Hopefully, it will spark an issue about campus security without pointing fingers," he added.

Jennifer Hill, a graduate student in the women's studies department, agreed the remarks made about the alleged rapists had serious implications. "I really regret that this story played upon the hysteria of black men raping a white woman," she said. "In the case of most rapes, the woman knows her attacker and rapes are usually intraracial."

Associate Professor of Journalism Jean Folkerts said the account would have a negative impact for victims of rape. "It's unfortunate this happened because it leads people to not believe other rape victims," Folkerts said. "For years it was hard for the rape victims to get belief, even from the police."

Folkerts advocated women should be aware of the dangers they face in the when walking alone at night. "Women just do not, cannot go out at night by themselves, anywhere. It's just not worth the risk," she said. "The campus is in the middle of a big city and you have to be prepared to take extra precautions."

Economics Department Chairman Bryan L. Boulter said his department wrote a letter regarding his department members' concern for safety on campus to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg after they read about the incident

reported in the Hatchet. Although a rape behind Strong Hall did not occur, the recent robberies on campus show there is reason for concern, according to Boulter.

"The (economics) faculty has concern for students as well as staff," he said. "We urge increased patrols by campus and D.C. police and improved lighting, especially in the late evening."

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He said that the safety issue will become increasingly important next year when more classes will be held from 8-10 p.m. and an all-night study room will be open in the Gelman Library.

"The (economics) faculty has concern for students as well as staff," he said. "We urge increased patrols by campus and D.C. police and improved lighting, especially in the late evening."

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# Administration reacts to story

## President says community should not be 'less vigilant about rape'

by Anastasia Benshoff  
and  
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After learning there is no police report of the rape described in the Dec. 6 Hatchet, GW administrators said they are concerned about the situation's effect on the University community and the handling and perception of future rape or attempted rape cases.

Both GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak said they are concerned how the incident may affect race relations at GW.

"A lot of people were upset even when they believed this was a factual account... We must be sensitive to their concerns," Chernak said.

He said after the recent "dart incident" — in which two groups of black students were shot at with 3.5-inch blow darts from the Sigma Nu fraternity house Oct. 18 — there has been an effort by GW to promote a diverse and multicultural environment.

"We don't want to be put back," Chernak said.

Trachtenberg said he is worried about any incident that could potentially fuel racial tensions.

Chernak said he hopes the incident does not lessen people's perception of the severity of rape. "We have to be careful to remain pro-active. We

need to educate the community on how to be street-smart, utilize the Student Association escort service and training programs and to diagnose the environment," he said.

"The troubling part is that a rape is hard to prove. One tries to presume the victim is telling the truth. I hope this incident does not make people take rape or attempted rape less seriously," Chernak said.

"We need to encourage the population not to do things unsafe in the city," he added.

Trachtenberg said, "This is not a reason to become less vigilant."

Trachtenberg said he viewed the situation as a learning experience for everybody. "It's too bad it had to happen on such a grand scale. This is a tragedy for the entire campus." He said the incident will hopefully lead to better trust and communication between The GW Hatchet and the administration.

"It is important that the campus continue to have respect for the integrity of the Hatchet," Trachtenberg said. Chernak said the administration will not try to play a "punitive or vindictive" role with the Hatchet. "We want the Hatchet to have credibility," he said.

"The news media has been duped in the past," Chernak said. "This isn't

the first time a situation like this has happened and it won't be the last." He said he hopes the Hatchet will describe the investigative techniques used in reporting the story and will issue an apology for causing "undue anxiety" at the University.

Chernak said Kashani will probably be dealt with under the guidelines of the Code of Student Conduct.

Trachtenberg said he felt the Hatchet's coverage of the incident was sensational and premature. Office of Campus Life Director LeNorman Strong said, "The Hatchet should have contacted more people. They are a responsible paper and it is a shame this had to happen."

Housing and Residence Life Director Ann E. Webster said she did not feel that the Hatchet was at fault in this situation. "It's criminal for someone to make a false report and I have no understanding of it," Webster said.

Webster said she called a special meeting last Friday for all resident assistants and resident directors to tell them that Kashani's rape story was a fabrication.

Webster said many students in the residence halls were scared and appalled at the rape story when they thought it was true.

# BPU identifies racial stereotyping in article

by Alec Zacaroli  
and  
Wayne Milstead  
Hatchet Staff Writers

Members of GW's black community are concerned about the racial implications of last week's report that a white woman had been raped at knife point by two black men behind Strong Hall.

"We won't be able to overcome the negative perception people have of black men with people perpetuating these kind of lies," said Black Peoples Union President Eugene Pair.

Pair said regardless of measures taken by the Hatchet to inform the community that a rape behind Strong Hall did not actually occur on Oct. 31, the incident will have a negative effect on how black men are perceived. "The harm has already been done," he said, adding "people will be saying 'it didn't happen... oh, but it could happen.'" He said the fact people believed the account of the rape on Oct. 31 shows society is willing to take at face value any allegations concerning black males involved in rape.

BPU member Kyle Farnbry said he felt anger about the incident and saw it as a case "where the media jumped on an incident of black and white violence."

"(The event) shows that our campus is not immune to such incidents," Farnbry said. He added many people who read the story will see black males in a negative way.

Pair said he thought the motive behind saying the attackers were black was to add to the credibility of the story. He said he could see no other reason for using this information.

Some members of GW's black community have likened the account of a rape behind Strong Hall Oct. 31 to a similar incident that occurred in Boston, when a white man who murdered his wife claimed a black man was responsible for the homicide. Charles Stuart, a 20-year-old white man from a suburb of Boston, phoned the Roxbury police department on Oct. 23, saying a black man had forced his way into Stuart's car and shot both Stuart and his pregnant wife. In the days following, Stuart had incited a "manhunt," according to a Jan. 6 Washington Post article, that resulted in the Boston police bringing up charges

against William Bennett of the Mission Hill district of Boston, where the murder took place.

Stuart committed suicide in January of 1990, when police investigations uncovered evidence of his hoax. According to a Jan. 5 Washington Post article, Stuart had recently received \$83,000 from a \$100,000 insurance policy he had taken out on his wife. The incident, in which a black man nearly went to jail for a murder he did not commit, incited racial tensions in the city.

A police official from the Roxbury police department said the tensions caused by the incident have since died down but added, "People who do not contribute to Mission Hill still bring the incident up." He defined these people as drug dealers and other law offenders. "It's not as bad as it was when it first started," he added.

Farnbry said incidents such as this "have happened before and will probably happen again."

Pair said, apart from submitting letters to the Hatchet, the BPU is not going to take any action towards diluting the implications of the story.

He said his reasons for being upset are twofold. He said he was upset because the story depicted blacks in a falsified light and he was "upset at the Hatchet for printing something that wasn't substantiated."

Pair said people are likely to trust black men less because of this incident. "They're going to associate this with black people... just being a black male is threatening to people... it doesn't help when people are adding these coals to the fire," he said.

Student Senator Richard Simmons said such incidents make it difficult for black students because it inevitably results in stereotyping. "This raised the truth of stereotypes that are nationally held. For many black students who are trying to embrace and understand our white counterparts, it is hard for us to handle being stereotyped. It makes it hard for groups to embrace efforts for multiculturalism," Simmons said.

"We can't just brush over these incidents anymore and say GW is immune to racial tension on campus," Farnbry said.

# Rape experts offer commentary regarding the role of counselors

by Wayne Milstead  
and  
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Although there is no police report of a rape behind Strong Hall Oct. 31, GW sophomore Mariam Kashani probably did not allege her claim with malicious or harmful intent, according to Capt. William Louis Hennessy of D.C. Metropolitan Police's First District.

Carol Dahlem, a rape counselor with Tulane University in New Orleans, La., and Kashani's former supervisor, said she agrees with Hennessy. Dahlem said in Kashani's case, the report was not malicious and may have been an effort to focus attention on violent crimes against women.

"She was probably trying to bring notice and illustrate what many women experience," Dahlem said. "She may have felt by alerting the newspaper and the campus that she was preventing someone else from being raped."

According to FBI statistics, Dahlem said, rape is the least-often fabricated of all crimes. When accounts of rape are falsified, she added, it is often "because a victim never came to grips with the rape."

"I heard of one case where a woman made up a story about being the victim of a rape, but never have I heard, locally or nationally, about a rape counselor falsifying a rape report," Snyder added.

Dahlem said normally if a rape is falsified, it is falsified by a victim who feels she can receive better attention and get her needs met by changing certain details of a rape, such as date and location.

Snyder said she is disturbed by the incident, adding that even though Kashani's motives may have been reasonable, the outcome has been disastrous.

"She may have wanted to promote awareness of the seriousness of rape, but she did just the opposite," Snyder said. "Mariam may have done it for good motives, but the ends don't justify the means."

Dahlem, who said she had worked with Kashani in New Orleans on several different rape incidents, described Kashani as bright, compassionate and courageous. "I don't think she could fabricate this," she said. "She was very reliable and contributed to the organization."

In the past, according to Dahlem, Kashani had always followed the philosophies and guidelines for rape counseling.

According to Margery Mazie, a spokesperson for GW's Students United to Women's Issues Now, incorrect information can lead to serious setbacks when dealing with the seriousness of rape.

"All of the work we have done to emphasize the importance of rape has been set back. All of the work on the importance of education of rape and sexual assault also seems less important now," Mazie said, adding that she is afraid people at GW will forget that women have been and still are being raped.

Denise Snyder, executive director of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, said she agrees this incident will be detrimental to the way society views rape. "There is already a strong assumption by society that when a woman says she has been raped she is either lying or is unclear about what rape really is," Snyder said. "The fact that this entire rape story was untrue will push more people to question the validity when a woman says she has been raped."

malicious intentions. She had good intentions, but she let her emotions override her judgment," Hennessy said.

Kashani was not able to be reached for comment.

Goode said he is scheduled to have another meeting early this week with

Bredhoff, Donnels, Special Assistant to the President Susan B. Kaplan and possibly Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert A. Chernak to discuss the incident further.

Patrice Sonberg contributed to this article.

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Defense classes are offered four times a year, and the next series begins in February. Prices vary from \$40-\$100 depending on a person's financial situation. The center will accept any participant, regardless of his or her financial state. For registration information, call the Rape Crisis Center offices at 232-0789.

Rape Crisis Center Executive Director Denise Snyder said it is "helpful to have some basic physical defense techniques," but also stressed that 60-80 percent of all rapes are acquaintance rapes — committed by someone the victim knows. She said the percentage increases when examining college campuses.

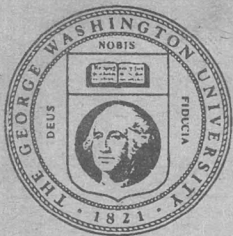
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Director of the GW Student Association Campus Escort Service Tom Walker said, "I don't know where the blame goes. It has put a false sense of fear (on campus). In one sense, it made the campus aware."

"From day one, safety is what we have been educated on. It is time to take a step back and see what we have and to evaluate what we have," Petramale said. "(Security) has always been something we have been following. (Columbian College) Senator Sallie Stohler has been pushing for security measures in the past. (Lighting on campus) is something I will bring up with the administration when we meet this week."





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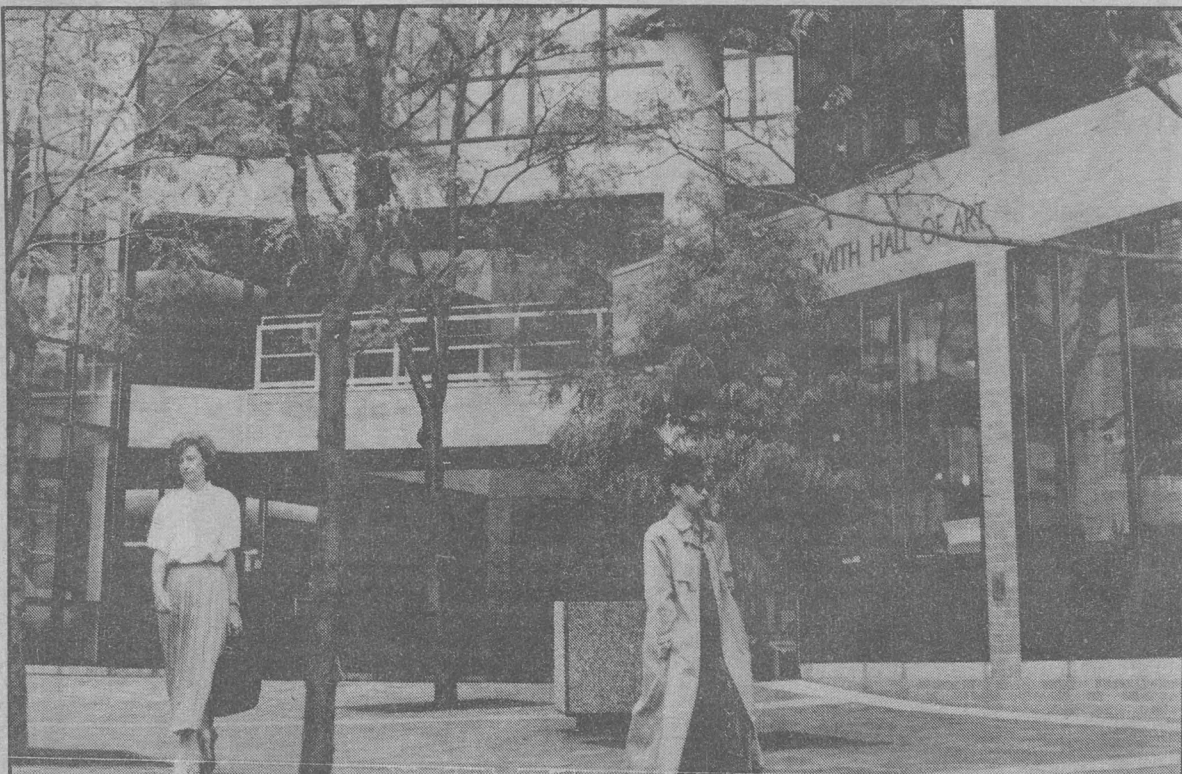
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## Indian Policy Center opens at University

by Debbie Solomon

Asst. News Editor

GW's new National Indian Policy Center, which began initial operation Dec. 10, will serve as a research facility for conducting analysis and research on a range of federal American Indian policy issues, according to NIPC Planning Office Director Alan Parker.

For the next year, the planning office will engage in a yearlong consultation period with leaders of American Indian tribes in order to solicit input on policy issues. According to Parker, the planning phase is intended to aid in the permanent establishment of a public policy institute for social, economic and legal policy development.

The center was established through a federal statute authorized by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and a member of the GW Board of Trustees. According to Parker, Inouye thought a national policy center was necessary for American Indians and the best place for it would be in the United States capital.

"Washington, D.C. is the perfect place for this center, and it should also be aided with a major institution such as GW," Parker said, adding that a number of D.C. universities and colleges were approached with the proposal of the center.

"We contacted several schools, but (GW) President (Stephen Joel) Trachtenberg responded most enthusiastically to the idea of the center, so we decided to join with GW," he said.

Trachtenberg said he is optimistic about the center. "The formation of such a center would put the University's experience and educational resources at the disposal of the leadership of the American Indian community," he said, adding that the center epitomizes what GW does best, "national policy research and education."

Inouye also expressed excitement about the center. "I think it is an extraordinarily exciting concept, and I'm very excited that GW is going to be a part of this," he said.

The planning committee was appointed by Trachtenberg after he solicited recommendations from American Indian tribal leaders, Parker said. The committee consists of 18 members — 10 tribal leaders and six representatives of major national Indian organizations. Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French represents the University on the committee, and Parker is the project director as well as a member of the Chippewa-Chee tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation in Montana.

According to Parker, the center will create seven broad task forces which will concentrate on many specific issues. The task forces will deal with the education of American Indians, economic development of the tribes, law and the administration of justice on American Indian reservations, tribal governance, health and human resources, natural resources and environmental protection on reservations and cultural resources and rights of the American Indian.

Although establishing legal policies is the main goal of the center, it will also aim to advance the cause of American Indians, according to Parker.

"We want not only to protect the legal rights of the Indians, but their cultural rights as well. The cause of the American Indian has long been neglected, but tomorrow is a period of renewed hope for a better future of Indian people," Parker said, adding he is looking forward to working at GW.

## GW receives 2,200 applications

*Fewer students apply due to demographic changes, poor economy*

by Patrice Sonberg

Editor-in-Chief

The GW Office of Undergraduate Admissions has received approximately 2,200 applications, a 10 percent decrease from this time last year, according to Director of Admissions George Stoner.

"We are now in the midst of our counting process (and) it's hard to say where we are," Stoner said. "(Applications are) coming in pretty heavily now."

Of the 122 applications GW received for the early decision plan, the University accepted 80 students and deferred the rest. Those who were accepted must withdraw applications from other universities and submit their deposit by Jan. 15, Stoner said.

Those accepted through the early

decision plan have mean Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of 540 verbal and 590 math. They include one National Hispanic Semifinalist, two students who will receive half-tuition for scoring more than 1300 on the SAT and 20 students who will receive tuition awards based on high rank in class and SAT scores, Stoner said.

The mean SAT scores of the entire applicant pool thus far are 520 verbal and 580 math. "That includes prospective denials," Stoner noted.

He said this is an "unpredictable year," referring to the economic situation and demographic changes.

"We're entering a period of demographic changes that will affect many colleges," he added. "Our heavy (recruitment) states have suffered a more severe demographic

change... fewer people were born 17 years ago."

These demographic changes will probably have an affect on universities for the next three to four years, Stoner said.

The admissions office will begin the application "reading process" next week, and decisions will be mailed to prospective students in early March, he said.

The preferred application deadline is Feb. 1, although Stoner said it will be extended if spaces remain available.

"We're doing everything we can to encourage applicants," he said, adding GW has sent letters to academically outstanding applicants to notify them of GW's merit awards.

## Peace Corps volunteers to earn GW degrees

by Anastasia Benshoff

News Editor

Returning Peace Corps volunteers will bring the toughest job they ever loved to GW next fall.

Twenty Peace Corps volunteers will have an opportunity to become certified teachers through a joint program sponsored by GW and the Peace Corps, according to a University Relations press release. The Peace Corps Fellows/U.S.A. Program at GW will be administered by the School of Education and Human Development.

"There is a turnover of 3,000 volunteers every year. Of the 3,000, 40 percent have teaching as part of their

assignments," SEHD Associate Dean Jay Shotel said. "Peace Corps volunteers have worked in bilingual, multicultural environments and have teaching experience. This makes them very desirable for teaching jobs with high-risk populations in high-need areas."

The two-year graduate study program is open to Peace Corps volunteers who have completed two years of service involving teaching responsibilities. Graduates will earn a master's degree and teaching certification. While attending classes on weekends and evenings, Peace Corps volunteers enrolled in the GW program will be placed in full-time

teaching positions at local "high-needs" schools, according to the press release.

Shotel said the volunteers are well-equipped to work with difficult students and limited supplies.

"The interest in having Peace Corps teaching for us is that they have taught in less than ideal situations," Shotel said. According to Shotel, GW has an agreement with school administrators in the District, Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland and the Archdiocese of Washington to hire Peace Corps teachers in their school systems.

Shotel said GW was approached by the Peace Corps which wanted to deve-

lop the program in the Washington area. Pamela Prochnow, director of Private Sector Relations, said the decision to work with GW grew from discussions between GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Peace Corps President Paul Coverdell.

The program is seeking funding from corporations and foundations, Prochnow said, adding that such programs in Louisiana and Alabama have received sufficient funding and many other programs are close to funding. "I feel good about the GW program," she said.

Shotel said 100 Peace Corps volun-

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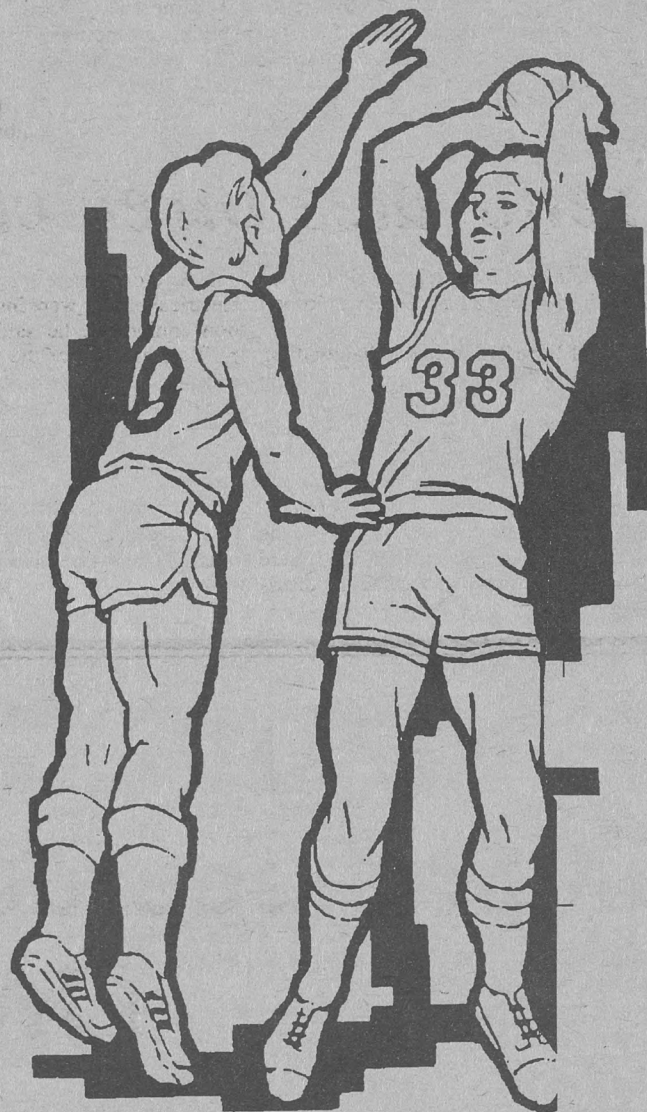




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# OCL 'outstanding' publications awarded at national conferences

by Anastasia Benshoff

News Editor

GW's Office of Campus Life received awards for outstanding publications from the National Orientation Director's Association and the Association of College Unions International at conferences last fall.

At the NODA conference, held Oct. 27-30 in Hartford, Conn., OCL took first place in two categories. The 1990 *A Guide to Campus Life* was chosen from 70 competitors to win the "Best Student Handbook Award" and Colonial Inauguration and Welcome Week were picked from 245 entries as the "Best Orientation Theme" in the country. A panel of five judges — including at least one student, one clerical worker, one graphic expert and one academic administrator — selected the winners.

According to Lawrence Bliss, director of advising for the University of Southern Maine, publications were judged for "attractiveness and readability."

Assistant Director for New Student Programs and Services Stephen Loflin accepted both awards on behalf of OCL.

ACUI recognized OCL for "Best Promotion of a Union Event" in the large school category at their regional conference in West Virginia, Oct. 9-11. "Night on the S.S. Marvin Center," an orientation program held during Welcome Week last semester, was selected for its nautical promotion materials, according to a University Relations press release.

Fourteen representatives from OCL

attended and participated in the ACUI conference.

Amy Greenwald, Information Services and Marketing manager, said OCL's performance at the NODA and ACUI conferences indicate that the organization's publications are improving.

"Students pay a lot of money to go to GW and they should get good products — it's not enough to just Xerox something. Students need something they can pick up and use," she said.

Greenwald said she believes OCL is serving as a trend setter for other universities. "I see other things and we're doing a good job. I've been getting phone calls from other universities for more ideas," she added.

## PPD renovates three classrooms

Three rooms in Stuart Hall were remodeled during winter break, according to GW Physical Plant Director Robert Burch.

Stuart Hall rooms 211, 212 and 213 needed rehabilitation, Burch said, since the building "has not had much attention paid to it in recent years."

He said several renovations were undertaken to improve the three rooms. High quality controls on the radiators were installed in order to relieve overheating, and new chalk boards, carpet and lighting were also installed.

"We covered the ugly, hollow, clay tile walls and re-did the ceilings in the rooms," Burch said. The cooling ducts were extended to the center of the rooms to improve cooling distribution, he added.

New clocks were put in the three rooms, and additional electrical outlets were installed to facilitate the use of projection equipment, he said.

"Basically, all of the work has been completed with the exception of a few minor things. Some of the blinds didn't come in, the projection screens haven't been installed and not all of the new furniture is here," Burch said. He noted the work will be completed either between classes or early in the morning.

In addition to the three rooms in Stuart, new carpet has been placed in Fungler Hall rooms 103 and 108. Wireless microphones were also installed in room 103, Burch said.

-Debbie Solomon

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# EDITORIALS

## T-minus five days

With Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz unable to reach anything but a stalemate in negotiations, the possibility of war in the Persian Gulf continues to increase.

President Bush has strongly stood by a policy of no leniency, but with the Jan. 15 deadline just around the bend and no diplomatic resolution in sight, the culmination of the administration's tactics will mean either the immediate use of force or the continuation of the present stalemate.

If U.S. forces in the Gulf do not take action Jan. 15, the deadline would prove a fruitless, if not detrimental, effort to intimidate Saddam Hussein. It would place U.S. foreign policy on a seesaw, with our troops wondering what their mission really is.

On the other hand, striking first will start a war many Americans don't believe in. Waiting it out could save thousands of lives.

These are the factors Congress must face beginning today.

The potential danger of Saddam Hussein can not be overstated, but by the same token, the value of a human life can never be measured, be it Kuwaiti, Iraqi or American.

In the light of recent events, the releasing of the hostages and the willingness to attempt negotiations, it cannot be said that pressing for a diplomatic solution to the crisis will bear no results. It took nearly half a century of U.S. and Soviet soldiers staring into one another's faces in Europe before a solution came about. But eventually it did.

U.S. soldiers have only been committed to Saudi Arabia for a number of months. It must be understood that these things take time.

It is essential for the forces committed to the Persian Gulf to remain as a method of containing Saddam Hussein. It is not essential, however, that the lives of U.S. soldiers be sacrificed in order for the Bush administration to prove its willingness to go to war. It may be that war is inevitable, but until every other attempt at a resolution is exhausted, war should not be considered a policy tool.

## Dances with GW

George Washington wasn't a hero to everyone.

To the American Indians, he represents a country that stole their land, slaughtered their people and deprived their children of their culture, heritage and dignity.

It is most appropriate that GW, a national University in the U.S. capital, is establishing the National Indian Policy Center.

GW rose to the occasion and responded enthusiastically when the Indian community approached the University about implementing a think tank to deal with Indian policy issues. Credit especially belongs to U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) who wrote the legislation that made this project possible.

America can never right the wrongs of the past, but we can make policies that address the problems of the American Indian. They range from health care, education, economic development and all the other domestic and social issues. These are issues of concern to all of us but they are especially critical to the Indian community.

Conditions on Indian reservations are absolutely abominable. Too many American Indians are living in conditions of extreme poverty and neglect. Too many American Indians feel they are powerless, and too many feel the government which stole their land doesn't care about their fate.

America's historic denial of basic rights of self-governance, property rights and cultural rights only adds insult to injury. The NIPC will be a strong voice speaking for the cause of the American Indian and will fight for the rights they deserve.

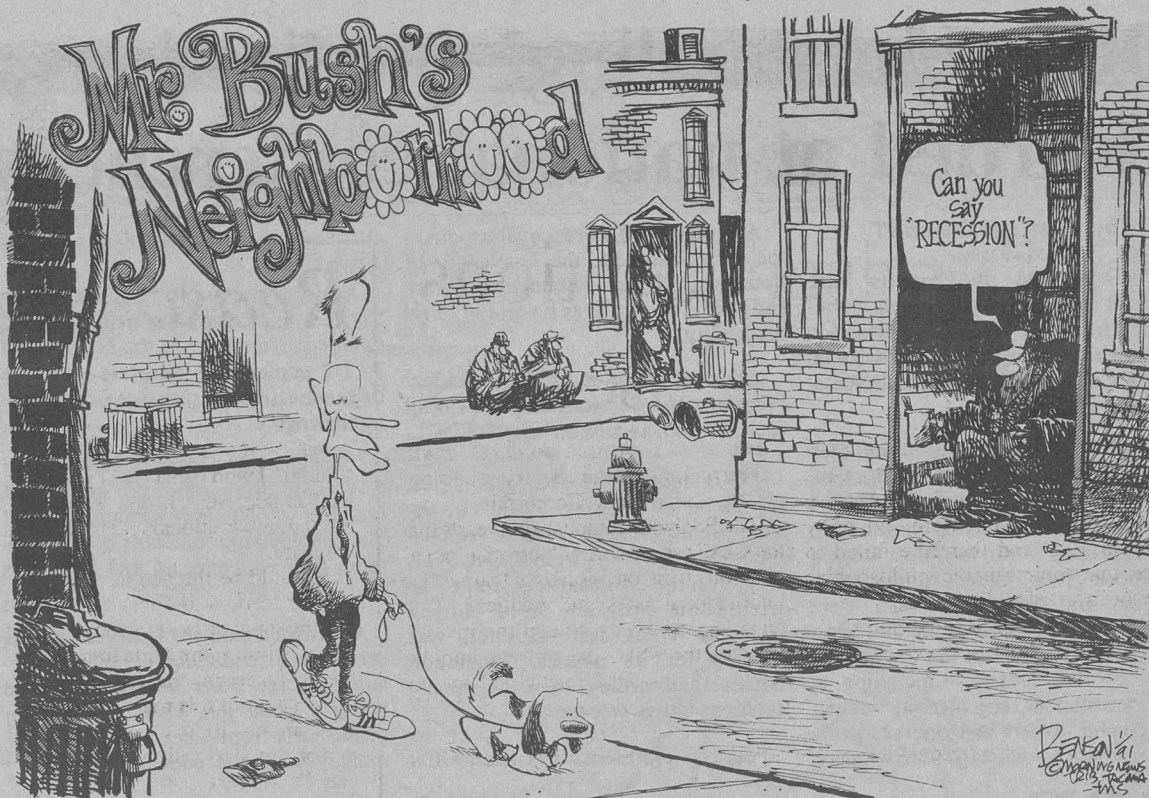
The American Indians' agenda is a challenging one — and the problems created by generations will not be solved with a couple waves of a hand. We look forward to the NIPC being a vital center for Indian policy issues and fighting for a cause we know is right.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Inexcusable

Mariam Kashani — whatever your motivation for perpetrating fraud on women, African-Americans and your peers and staff of the GW community — I hope by the time you read this letter you will have strongly re-evaluated your alleged support for victims of rape. As an organizer for a rape crisis center, counselor and "friend of the court," I cannot fully comprehend, least of all appreciate, your inexcusable actions.

I and others in my community labored hard not only to alter the court's view and processing of rape cases, but to change the thinking of males ranging from those on the police force to the victim's significant other. Most importantly, we stood the test for those of my gender who failed to realize rape is not an invented crime.

Looking back to when I participated in rape counseling, I cannot recall a time when any of us — a small group in our late teens and early twenties — would have considered such behavior as yours. But that was the late 1960s and early 1970s when we believed we could change the system and the world.

Your actions have proven that though we did change the system, we cannot change the juvenile actions some people would resort to. Your name shall be imbedded in my memory forever — not as a hero, but as a young woman who has never held the hand of a rape victim, who has never walked into the room where the rape occurred and cried and prayed the victim would survive the emotional stress, who has never walked into a courtroom with a rape victim and waited patiently while the male judge and male defense council made light of the issue, who has never watched a husband leave his wife and a fiancée break an engagement and who has never had female family members and friends question the validity of the victim's account.

For if you had experienced any of this, then surely the pain and suffering of the victims and their families and friends would have overwhelmed you, caused you to search harder in your mind for the proper words for consoling, caused you to search harder in your soul

for the correct moment to squeeze the hand you were holding a little harder and caused you to search harder for the strength to get out of your warm bed to brave a cold winter night to drive the victim and escort her to an emergency room.

To paraphrase the words of a U.S. vice presidential candidate, you, Miss Kashani, are no advocate for rape victims.

-Harriett Washington

### Please write

After reading the opinion piece by Michael J. Greene in the Dec. 3 issue of The GW Hatchet, I felt that I also had something to say about the troops stationed in Saudi Arabia.

I received a letter in the mail on Nov. 30. I had almost forgotten why it had been sent to me, since I didn't recognize the handwriting and I didn't know anyone with the last name Gray. I looked again at the return address. It read: Staff Sergeant Gray, Operation Desert Shield.

This threw me for a loop. There had been an address in the newspaper where you could send a letter to service people stationed in Saudi Arabia, especially if you knew no one there but still wanted to give the troops support. I had written in the middle of October and had since given up hope of receiving a response.

If you could have seen me on that day, reading that letter and telling everyone I saw about it, you would have laughed. But the letter wasn't all that funny. It was five pages long and showed me just how hot, boring, lonely, uncomfortable and scary being a soldier stationed in Saudi Arabia right now is.

The last two things that Staff Sergeant Gray asked me to do before he finished his letter were to pray hard for them and tell him if it was snowing in his hometown.

If anyone would like to write to a person stationed in Saudi Arabia, the address is: Any Service Member, Operation Desert Shield, A.P.O. New York, N. Y. 09848-0006

-Amanda Dana

### All fired up

Members of the Progressive Student Union must have a feeling of security like no other. For them, the world is always black and white: the U.S. Government and its agencies are always bad and those who work against it are always good. A former CIA employee is teaching at GW and the PSU is in a tizzy, trying to warn us of the dangers to come.

I suppose it may be news to the PSU, but there are secrets in the world and we all keep some to ourselves. Just because the government asks people to keep secrets does not automatically make these people (or their secrets) bad. You might be surprised to know that there are employees of the Department of Agriculture who have the same security clearances and sign the same oaths that employees of the CIA do. If GW should ever decide to offer a course on public farming policy, would the PSU object to a former employee of the Department of Agriculture being called in to teach? It would seem a bit illogical.

I have been an employee of Toys 'R' Us (off and on) for several years now. When I first started working there, I signed a promise not to reveal various company policies and confidential information, and I have adhered to that promise. Does this make me an enemy of academia? I doubt it.

Employees of the CIA have broken laws in the past. So have I. So has everybody. Ignoring what the CIA may have accomplished while not obeying the law, let's look at the good they have accomplished legally. By gathering intelligence throughout the world and sharing it with other appropriate organizations (the FBI in the United States, MI-5 in Great Britain and the Mossad in Israel, to name a few), the CIA has played an active role in helping eliminate terrorism from our country and the world. The CIA was also instrumental in helping win the Cold War and defeating communism. The Soviet Union is practically on artificial life support because of what the United States was able to do given the information the CIA obtained. Does anyone really regret this?

(See CIA, p.5)



# OPINION

## PSU's misconceptions about the CIA's secrets

I would like to respond to the latest bubble of flatulence squeezed out by the nattering nabobs of the Progressive Student Union, who were evidently asleep in 1989 and therefore failed to notice that their ignoble philosophies have been utterly discredited.

Apparently, according to the article in the Dec. 3 GW Hatchet, the PSU objects to the presence of the CIA on campus because the CIA allegedly violates the vague standards of academic freedom that the PSU has seen fit to legislate for the rest of us.

The PSU contends that professors at GW formerly employed by the CIA have sworn "oaths and vows" not to reveal the "illegal and deceitful" activities of the CIA, and this is "unacceptable academia." Translated into unbiased

security risks. At that point, God will have to annihilate the country or apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.

The PSU also fatuously contends that the CIA is some sort of "terrorist" organization, bent on violating "numerous international laws and treaties." Two facts have possibly eluded the myopic gaze of the PSU: the present international system is characterized by the absence of higher order, and (yes, Virginia) this country does have enemies. The absence of higher order means that "international law" is meaningless except insofar as states adhere to it voluntarily. Naturally, they ignore it when it pleases them to do so.

Case in point: Iraq invading Kuwait. As for enemies, if you think Americans are well-loved everywhere, try backpacking to Southeast Asia, the Middle East or Paris, for that matter.

I was harangued for hours in French by an old man apparently incensed by the carpet-bombing of Caen during the Normandy invasion of 1944. I had to tell him that if they hadn't been so puny as to lose their country in two weeks in 1940, we wouldn't have had to do so much damage giving it back to them. I wonder if the French tanks in Saudi Arabia have practiced reversing at high speeds yet? Anyway, I digress.

There's no need to get overly paranoid, but we do have interests beyond our own borders, and we need a means to identify and frustrate threats to our interest. If defending our interests is "terrorism," so be it.

Lastly, the PSU says that the CIA is somehow promoting its own political agenda on campus and this "affront" to academic freedom must be eliminated. This is consistent with the control of the political agenda by the liberal left in this country. They define what's politically correct and they paradoxically attempt to exclude all other viewpoints in the name of "academic freedom."

I contend that my academic freedom would be violated if the CIA were excluded from campus, as I am interested in defense policy and I intend to take Stanley Bedlington's class next semester.

How ironic that just as the flaccid and futile philosophy of Marxism-Leninism has been cleansed from Eastern Europe, it should find adherents at American college campuses. Let the PSU and all who think as they do be cast on the rubbish heap of history.

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*James Perry*

English, this means that professors that have had access to secrets are not permitted to discuss them, and for very good reason that such divulgence might endanger the lives of agents and disrupt operations in the progress.

It should be mentioned that Phil Agee, whom PSU piously praises for "moral responsibility to expose the CIA's deceitful and illegal activities" has been responsible for a number of deaths and traitors.

How is it "unacceptable" and "biased" to exclude secrets from the classroom, when it only means that ex-CIA professors must base their lectures on the same unclassified sources available to all professors?

Next, the PSU claims that an "argument can be made" that the CIA "violates the D.C. human rights code" by "discriminating" against homosexuals. Now, until homosexuality becomes widely accepted, homosexuals will be susceptible to blackmail and are thus very poor security risks. They are therefore excluded from sensitive positions for the same reason they are excluded from the military — the needs of national security come first, as they should.

Of course, morally speaking, this country is sliding down the tubes faster than a greased pig (witness the 2 Live Crew and Mapplethorpe cases), so homosexuals may soon become so acceptable that they are no longer

## Reasoning will not stop Hussein

I too worry over the crisis in the Gulf, but mine is a different worry than many others. As more and more people begin to cry for a diplomatic solution, I worry that we are going to let Saddam Hussein get away with his actions, irrational and militant as they are.

It would be the height of evasion for our leaders to consider Hussein worthy enough to sign some sort of treaty, while at the same time conveniently forgetting that rationality and reason are not this man's best traits. It is an insult to every intelligent person to ask us to think that Hussein can be trusted with some sort of treaty.

"But anything to avoid war," they say — even at the cost of many more lives a few years later, when Saddam Hussein gains nuclear weapons and develops his missiles to the point of threatening both the United States and Western Europe. Any sort of treaty with Saddam Hussein will amount to nothing but a complete failure on our side and complete success on his.

If people still think that we are in the Middle East just for oil, they have a very superficial and dangerous understanding of our foreign policy initiatives. Yes, oil plays a part in our decision to be in the Persian Gulf, but it is not the primary reason, nor is it the only reason.

Our primary reason for our deployment to the sands of Saudi Arabia is a man called Saddam Hussein, a man who only understands the barrel of a gun. He began a devastating eight-year war with his neighbor, Iran. He shoots his generals when they disagree with him. He uses Orwellian tactics to keep a grip of terror over his nation that make Stalin look like an amateur. He has displayed willingness to use poison gas on his own citizens. He has threatened to use them on Israel and is right now racing to develop nuclear weapons at a pace that surpasses even the Manhattan Project. This is the man that people think is rational enough to sign a peace treaty or diplomatic solution.

There are only two ways an individual can deal with others in this world — reasoning or a gun. You can't have both and you can't have reasoning when a person pulls a gun. For example, you don't attempt to talk a gunman out of mugging you because he is not there to negotiate or reason with you about the errors of his ways. He is there to steal from you using force as the justification for his act; by this he has defaulted on

the use of reason and is acting in perfect accordance with irrationality.

Why do we kill animals in the jungle? Because we have no other way of dealing with them. You can't reason with an animal, and since rational discourse is out of the question, the only response is to use force against them, to kill them.

For proof of this all you have to do is look at such nations as the Soviet Union, a nation that rests in the blood of an estimated 60 million of its own people. The Soviet Union is a nation founded on the principle of force against those who dissent, simply because it can't reason with the dissenters.

*"Any sort of treaty with Saddam Hussein will amount to nothing but a complete failure on our side and complete success on his."*

*Adam Mossoff*

It's a nation which has broken every treaty we have made with it and acts as if it should just be accepted. Even the great and exalted INF Treaty has been allegedly broken by the Soviets because there have been two or three reported sightings of SS-21s in Eastern Europe — nuclear missiles the Soviet Union was supposed to pull out of Europe and destroy if they feel obliged to follow the constraints of our treaties.

A rational government recognizes the importance of mutual contracts and establishes them as a way to live peacefully with its neighbors. A government which follows the doctrine of force recognizes the contracts and treaties as ways to pull one over on its alleged enemies and competitors. It doesn't have any reason to follow the treaty, only a willingness to act as if it will. It is to its benefit if it is able to make a country believe that it is reasonable, while at the same time twisting a knife in the back of its new "ally." This is something the Soviet Union has done with Afghanistan, most of the countries in Eastern Europe, China and

the United States. We are about to make the same mistake with Saddam Hussein.

There is talk of giving Saddam the northern part of Kuwait plus a small island on the Gulf to give him direct access to the sea. These were his original demands against Kuwait which the small country denied. What will be the United States' message to the world if it does this? It will be a clear moral sanction to all of the thugs and international hoods in the world that the use of force and aggression to achieve your goals is okay as long as you make sure not to take too much, and if you do just give some of it back when it comes time to sign a treaty.

Our message will also be that we have no real moral basis for opposing any irrational leader who pulls a gun. And what happens when the gun he pulls is a nuclear missile?

What would we tell the people who happened to own the territory that we end up giving to Saddam Hussein, "Sorry, but your rights aren't as important as making sure this vile little thug doesn't cause any more trouble?" What will we tell them when he nukes Israel and any other of his enemies, "Sorry, we didn't know that he would use such horrible weapons?" If this happens, we will be the most morally reprehensible people on this planet because we know he will use such weapons if he gets his hands on them.

We have a choice to make, and the consequences of our attempt to default on this choice will wreak havoc on this world for years to come.

Are we to oppose aggression when it violates our interests and our people, or do we sit back and attempt to fool ourselves that these people will stop with treaties and diplomatic accords? It didn't work in 1939 in Munich, it didn't keep the Soviet Union from dominating Eastern Europe and much of the world, it didn't appease the international terrorists in the 1980s and it won't work today.

A father of one of the Marines deployed in Operation Desert Shield wrote to President Bush and told him he wouldn't forgive him if his son was killed, but I won't forgive you if I or any of my children have to deal with a nuclear threat from Iraq in years from now.

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## MORE LETTERS

(CIA, continued from p.4)

There are several professors at GW whose activities (both in and out of the classroom) I find somewhat disagreeable. They, however, have the right to participate in these activities without fear of losing their jobs for offending students. GW "Officer in Residence"

Stanley Bedlington did not sign away these rights when he was hired by the CIA.

Rather than get hysterical about Bedlington's former employer, why not welcome him to campus and listen to what he has to say. If the members of the PSU can stop screaming for a little

while, they might actually learn something. Perhaps they can just open their minds and stop clinging tenaciously to the tenets offered by anti-American radicals who have been repeatedly proven wrong.

*-P.J. Geraghty*

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Dickens, 52, worked as a television maintenance engineer for GWTV, repairing video tape machines, video cameras and microphones and assisting with departmental computer problems.

Dickens, an avid reader of science fiction, lived by himself in Arlington. GWTV Chief Engineer George Geesey said Dickens will be "sorely missed" because he was a valuable resource of information.

"We relied on his knowledge . . . and often turned to him to solve computer problems in the office," Geesey said. Dickens was also the department's "technical librarian," responsible for keeping manuals and publications organized in the office, Geesey added.

Before coming to GW, Dickens worked at WILL, a PBS station in Urbana, Ill. as a broadcast engineer. Prior to that, Dickens served in the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of Staff Sgt. after 13 years of service. Because of moral contentions, Dickens left the Air Force in 1969 when he was asked to help with nuclear weapon technology for the Vietnam War.

Dickens was struck on Nov. 20 while crossing 23rd Street near Washington Circle. A passerby performed CPR on Dickens and restored his breathing and heartbeat. Dickens was then taken to GW Hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Doctors told Ms. Dickens her father would likely remain brain dead and comatose for the rest of his life while supported by an artificial respirator. She said she asked the hospital to turn the apparatus off.

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# University unveils new facility management program

*Classes at District and No. Virginia campuses to help upgrade students' management skills, knowledge*

by Debbie Solomon  
Asst. News Editor

A certificate program in facility management will be implemented this February at GW's campuses in the District and Northern Virginia, according to a University Relations press release.

Frances Lombard, acting director of the Center for Continuing Education Workshop, said facility management is the integration of an organization's people and setting. Lombard said facility management teaches people how to

become more familiar with the buildings and grounds department, physical plant operations, maintenance and design planning.

The program is primarily designed for people involved in some field or allied field of facility management, such as interior decorating or architecture, and who want to upgrade their management skills and knowledge, Lombard said.

"The program is targeted toward people who are already involved with facility management, but it also serves

people who are interested in entering the field," she added.

According to Lombard, GW was approached by local members of International Facility Management Association seeking to create a locally-based program to give educational credentials to people in the field of facility management and give members an opportunity to get educated.

"It has been a long-term goal of IFMA to get a certificate program in Washington, D.C.," said David Kotz,

chief of Building Maintenance at the World Bank and former International President of IFMA.

"It is a difficult field because there is no educational focus. Technical people need management background and a way to communicate with one another. This program will create a common vocabulary within the field of facility management," he added.

The Association of Physical Plant Administrators, the Building Owners

and Managers Institute and IFMA are the three major supporters of GW's facility management program.

Participants in the eight-week program will take 10 non-credit required courses, including topics of facility management, planning and design, operation and maintenance, budgeting, current and future issues, communications, environmental and safety issues and real estate planning and lease management, the press release stated.

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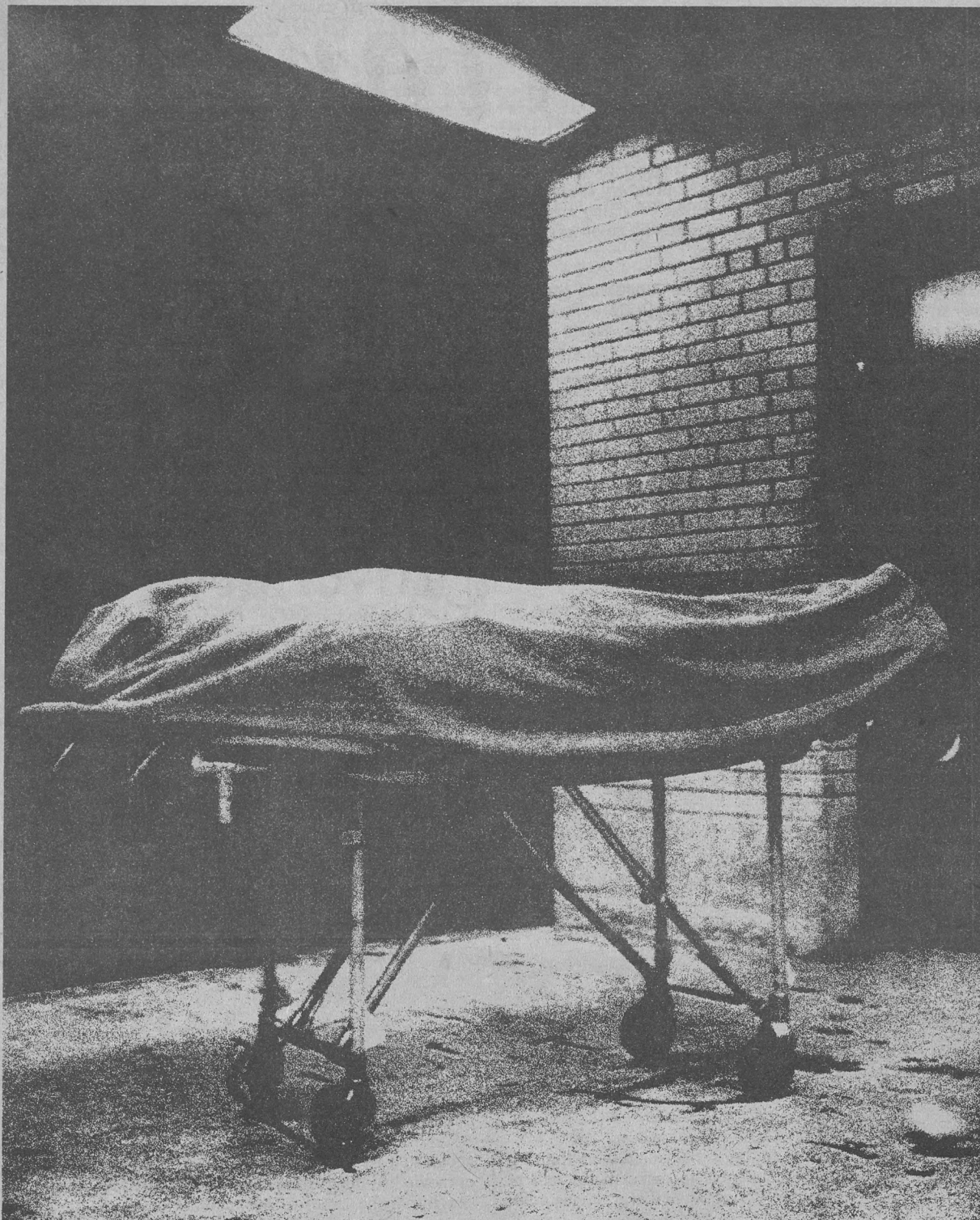
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teers have applied for the fall semester, but he expects to have no more than 40 participants. "Some people went into the Peace Corps and found they were teachers," Shotel said.

According to Prochnow, Teachers College at Columbia University in New York has hosted a similar program for the past five years. Prochnow said the Peace Corps has signed agreements with 11 universities to implement the teaching program and is currently working with 20 others.

"The program is just beginning, but it is quite successful," she added.

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GW 70, South Alabama 59  
GW beat South Alabama in the consolation game of the South Florida Holiday Classic in Tampa, Fla., Dec. 22. Riley scored 24 points and Shasky scored 18 points and picked up six rebounds to help win the game. GW's shot 55 percent in the second half, compared to 40 percent for the Jaguars.

South Florida 81, GW 62  
GW lost its second game of the season in the opening game of the tournament in Tampa, Dec. 21, falling to the Bulls.

Shasky's 16 points, McArdle's 15 points and 10 rebounds and Nordling's 12 points and nine rebounds were not enough for the Colonial women.

GW was held to a 29 percent from the floor, as they were out-rebounded 57-36. Although up by two at the half, the Colonial women were outscored 48-27 in the second half.

### GW 78, UMBC 65

GW improved its record to 4-1 as it defeated Maryland/Baltimore County in Baltimore, Md. Dec. 15.

GW was down by six with 10:43 remaining in the half, it scored 15 unanswered points to take a 29-20 lead with 5:11 left in the half. GW went into half-time with a 33-26 lead.

At 17:43 in the second half, GW scored 18 unanswered points to take a 26-point lead, 58-32. The Colonial women coasted the rest of the way, led by McArdle's 19 and Shasky's 17 points.

### GW 71, American 64

Despite surges by American in both halves, GW led throughout the entire game Dec. 13 at AU.

The Eagles went on a 10-point run with 19 seconds left before halftime, dropping GW's 14-point lead down to four going into the second half. AU had one last run, an 11-point surge that brought the Eagles within three, but the Colonial women held on for a seven-point victory.

Shasky led the team with 26 points, while McArdle scored seven points and picked up 13 rebounds, five assists and four steals.

### JMU 78, GW 57

GW lost its first game of the season Dec. 6 to James Madison in Harrisonburg, Va. Shasky's 24 points and five rebounds paced the Colonial women.

Hoops — GW hosts Temple, Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Smith Center.

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# SPORTS

## GW now 7-4 after beating BU

*McKennie returns to starting lineup, averages 19 in last four*

by Scott Jared  
and  
Yosefi Seltzer  
Hatchet Sports Writers

While most of the University closed down for winter break, the GW men's basketball team pressed on, going 4-2 (1-2 in the Atlantic 10 Conference) over the recess.

In a homecoming trip for GW head coach Mike Jarvis, the Colonials (7-4 overall, 2-2 in the A-10) downed Boston University 89-87 on the road, with forward Matt Nordmann's buzzer-beating basket in double-overtime on Jan. 5.

Nordmann's bank shot was the last of a string of last-second shots against the Terriers and capped a comeback win for Jarvis and GW in the coach's first contest against his former team.

It appeared as if BU was in control in regulation as the Terriers led nine with 7:30 left in the game. But the Colonials staged a comeback, pulling within one in the final minute of regulation.

BU extended the lead, converting two free throws with 23 seconds remaining to make the score 70-67.

Freshman GW point guard Alvin Pearsall pulled GW back within one with a basket with 13 seconds left.

After a GW foul, BU made one of two free throws to make the score 70-68. Rodney Patterson sent the game into overtime, hitting a two-point shot with his feet on the three-point arc with two seconds left in regulation.

Patterson again came to the rescue at the end of the first overtime period, nailing a jumper as time ran out to tie the score, 78-78.

The Colonials had four players in double-digits, led by sophomore forward Sonni Holland had 19 points in 22 minutes of play. Senior guard Ellis McKennie added 17 points. Sophomore guard Dirck Surles had 14 points in 24 minutes of play and Pearsall had 12 points and 10 assists.

GW went into the game against the Terriers coming off of a 81-72 loss on the road to A-10 rival Rhode Island Jan. 3 in Kingston, R.I.

GW fell victim to a late second half run against the Rams. URI outscored GW 20-6 in the games final 7:15. The Rams were powered in their comeback by superb shooting in the second half — URI hit 22 of 25 shots from the floor.

The Rams led by three at halftime, but GW took the lead early in the second half, leading by as many as five before the Rams made their run.

In another A-10 contest, the Colonials recorded an overtime win over Duquesne, 81-76, Dec. 27 in Pittsburgh.

GW started strong in the overtime period, scoring the first five points to lead 68-63. Duquesne pulled back within two at one point, but the Colonials held onto the lead for a five point victory.

The Colonials were led by McKennie's 25 points in 30 minutes of play against the Dukes.

Preceding their back-to-back overtime matches, the Colonials blew out Virginia Tech. at home, 88-70, Dec. 22.

GW blew past the Hokies early in the second half going on a 25-6 run after leading 46-36 at halftime. GW led by as many as 29 in the second half.

McKennie again led the Colonials with 19 points.

In their best offensive performance of the year, GW did its best impersonation of the NBA's Denver Nuggets with a run-and-gun trouncing of Maryland/Baltimore County, 98-50, Dec. 10 at the Smith Center.

The Colonials used defense, pressuring the Retrievers into 18 turnovers while Patterson scored 10 first-half points and Byron Hopkins and Peter Young combined for nine of GW's 18 first half rebounds as GW pulled out to a 49-23 halftime lead.

The Colonials did not let up in the second half, leading by as many as 58 points late in the game.

The Colonials were without the services of senior guard Ellis McKennie and Sonni Holland against UMBC. McKennie was out with a pulled muscle in his side and Holland was sidelined after sustaining a slight bone chip in his left ankle from the previous day's practice.

Before the winter break, GW lost to A-10 competitor Massachusetts 82-70 on the road. GW shot only 36 percent from the floor compared to the Minutemen's 52 percent. Dirck Surles led GW with 26 points.

**Dunks** — GW hosts Temple, last year's A-10 champions, tonight at 9 p.m. in the Smith Center.

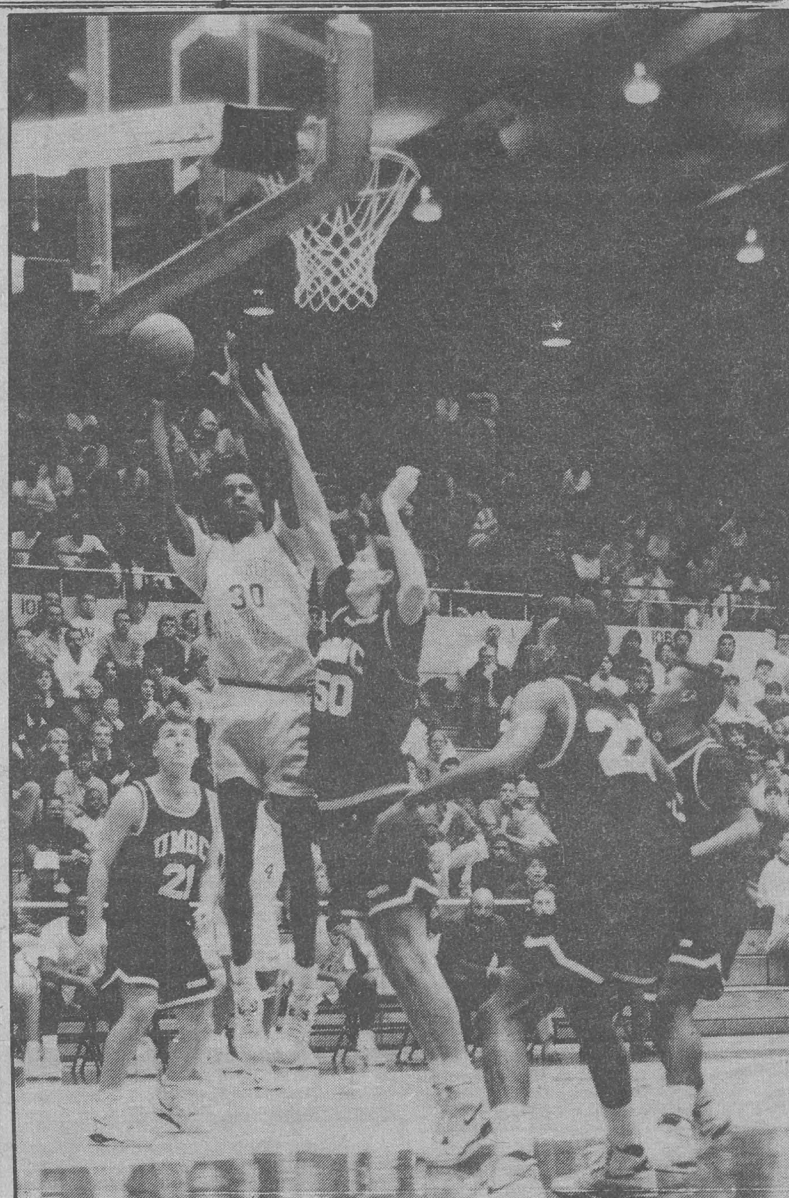


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Byron Hopkins scores two of his game-high 16 points in blowout of UMBC.

## Women cagers crush A-10 power SJU, 63-47

by Holger Stolzenberg  
Hatchet Sports Writer

After 14 consecutive losses to Atlantic 10 Conference-power St. Joseph's over the past eight seasons, the GW women's basketball team dominated the Hawks to the tune of a 63-47 victory, Tuesday at the Smith Center.

The Hawks (7-3 overall, 2-1 in the A-10) opened the game with the first basket, but GW tied the game and took the lead, one it would never relinquish.

The Colonial women (9-2, 3-0) opened up an 11-point lead at 10:08 in the first half on senior guard Anne Riley's three-point shot. The lead hovered around nine until 4:49 when the Colonial women went on a 8-0 run to stretch its lead out to 35-18 before ending the half with a 39-24 advantage.

GW continued where it left off after halftime as it built a 21-point lead five minutes into the second half before a 5-0 SJU run cut the lead to 51-35.

The Colonial women, however, scored nine unanswered points to seal the victory before GW reserves finished the game.

Junior center Mary K. Nordling led the team with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Point guard Wanda Lanham had 14 points along with three assists and forward Kristin McArdle picked up seven points, nine rebounds and three assists.

"We're beginning to play better and better," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "We believe that we can win



photo by Adam Sidel

Wanda Lanham dribbles in for two of her career-high 14 points in the win over St. Joe's.

against some of the better teams, which is important when we play Penn State and Rutgers."

"This was a crucial game for us this season," Riley said. "It tells us that we can beat the top teams. It's more special of a game to the juniors and seniors because we've lost to them a few more times."

In action before Tuesday night's

game, GW went 6-2 including two conference wins since Dec. 6.

GW 54, UMass 28

Saturday, the Colonial women won its second A-10 game by handing Massachusetts its ninth straight loss of the season in Amherst, Mass. Riley led the team with 11 points, Jennifer Shasky scored eight points along with 10

rebounds, while McArdle had eight rebounds and seven assists.

GW held the Minutewomen to 21 percent shooting throughout the game, while forcing them to turn the ball over 35 times compared to GW's 16.

GW 79, URI 50

Shasky's 23 points and seven rebounds led GW to victory against Rhode Island for its first A-10 win of the season, Jan. 3 in Kingston, R.I. GW got 16 points, five rebounds and three assists from Riley, 15 points and seven rebounds from Nordling and 13 points and 11 rebounds from McArdle.

Although the Colonial women won by 29 points, they were out-rebounded 53-51 in the game. GW also held the Rams to a 27 percent shooting from the field, while GW shot 42 percent.

GW 78, ODU 76

Down by one at the half, the Colonial women worked up a nine-point lead and then held on to defeat Old Dominion University Dec. 30 at the Smith Center.

With the Monarchs up 55-54 with 8:18 remaining in the game, freshman Stephanie Seifert hit two foul-shots that started a 10-0 run for GW and gave the team a lead it never lost.

Riley's 25 points, Shasky's 17 points and seven rebounds and Nordling's 16 points and seven rebounds contributed to the victory.

(See CAGERS, p. 10)

## Michael speaks at luncheon

GW is headed for national prominence in its men's basketball program, sportscaster George Michael said in his address at the Dec. 19 coaches' luncheon at the University Club.

Michael, the local sports anchor at WRC-TV in Washington, D.C. and host of the nationally televised "Sports Machine" highlight show, said he remembers a few years ago when John Thompson invited him to speak at a similar luncheon at Georgetown in a similar room of about 60 people.

That same luncheon now hosts approximately 1,500 attendees as a result of the national prominence GU's men's basketball program has gained, according to Michael.

Michael said he thinks GW is headed for that same prominence with men's head coach Mike Jarvis at the helm — citing his previous successes in coaching.

"In three to four years, this will be too small, so enjoy the intimacy while you can," Michael said.

-Yosefi Seltzer